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WINTERS WARMER?

A'''' of the weather experts has gone on record as saying that the winters are becoming warmer. That was the trend among the experts until the last twelve months when a certain group began to voice the opinion that a reversal of the trend toward warmer winters was getting in.

However, Dr. Varne Pettersen, Professor of meteorology and director of the University of Chicago's Weather Forecasting and Research Center, says that winters are continuing to become warmer. He does not recognize any reversal of this trend.

Dr. Pettersen says that the icebergs have shrunk and glaciers have receded and that polar ice has been creeping northward for some time. Large areas are now without winter ice, which once had experienced winter ice each year and some areas where ice still exists find the ice is now thinner.

Likewise, it has been noted by many experts that the survival line of many plants and trees has been steadily moving northward and continues to do so. As to why this is happening, Dr. Pettersen offers no explanation.

However, it has been theorized that sun spots were the cause of the steadily warming winters. Being no weather expert, we cannot give an intelligent opinion for or against the theory concerning sun spots. However, we do agree that winters are gradually becoming warmer and, moreover, we are in favor of it.

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ON POLITICAL SPEECHES

The style of political oratory is changing and it is interesting to note the difference in the techniques of political orators today compared with those of yesterday. It will be remembered that the old-style politician was often more of an oratorical expert than he was a public official.

Before the days of television, and even radio, the old-style orator had to turn up the volume so that the fellows on the back row could hear him and if one had a loud voice and a convicing style, plus an imposing appearance, he could uscally go far in politics.

Today that is not necessarily true. The politician today, or the public office-holder, must be able to discuss the issues more directly. Flowery words and a great general philosophy, outlined in beautiful language, do not convince the voter today quite as quickly as that approach did a few years back.

In fact, the politician who has a folksy, homespun way about him—the technique introduced by the late President Roosevelt in his fireside chats — can often reach the voter's heart whereas the oratorical blast sometimes goes over his head.

What the voter should keep in mind is that the man seeking public office should be qualified, through background and tarining, and should be completely honest. Politicians have to pay a high price to hold public office. One of the costs is the necessity of staying out of anything which compromise one's independence in a public office.

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TEACHERS ARE HUMAN, THEY ARE NOT MARTYRS

(Note: A reader has kindly handed us the following editorial, from a recent issue of the Petersburg, Va., Progress-Index).

With the possible exceuption of the sacred ministry the teaching porfession has a greater opportunity to influence lives, to mold character and to set standards than any other. As in other professions there are weak individuals as well as strong ones among those who have chosen teaching as their life work, but in the main it is remarkable how well this tremendous responsibility has been met and how thorough a job has been done.

A teacher must be devoted to her task else she is not a real teacher. She must have patience, wisdom, a sence of humor and a real liking for children in addition to being trained for her work. We hear constantly of teachers being underpaid but we do not believe increases in salary will alone bring about all the results we expect of our teachers.

We expect our teachers to have a sympathetic understanding of our children. We expect them to respect our children as individuals. We expect them to lead lives which will be an example for our children. Should we as parents do less for the teachers? Let's remember that teachers are human, handling a difficult job in a very satisfactory and, in some cases, in a very skillful way. They are not martyrs nor do they enjoy being told "I feel so sorry for you poor teachers" but they do appreciate and are helped by the knowledge that their patrons have some understanding and appreciation of what they are attempting to do. They can hardly expect to avoid making mistakes and should not and, we hope, do not resent being asked to correct them. We trust that they do not expect their mistakes to be glossed over but a mistake now and then should not condemn a teacher for all time nor prove that she is unfit to be a teacher.

So we enlarge on an earlier statement. We believe respect for along with an understanding of teachers will mean certainly as much as a raise in saalry and might even lead to more people entering a profession which is much in need of recruits.

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BRITISH TEACH RUSSIAN

One of England's new secondary technical schools announced recently that the Russian language has been selected as the second most important of the science languages to be taught at the school.

This is a significant announcement and we think it is important for U. S. schools to take the same approach to the present educational curriculum. School authorities at the Hatfield School, near London, announced recently that Russian would be the second most important scientific language in the school's curriculum, preceded only by German.

This is a relatively new departure in that the importance of Russia's industrial and technical progress is being recognized as surpassing the importance of such languages as French, which has long ranked high in the educational processes of the Western nations.

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Daring Daniel

Lesson for September 22, 1957

"DARE to be a Daniel" was the name of a song that used to be sung in Sunady schools all over America. Maybe people read the stories of Daniel then more often than they do now. Any one who thinks the tales about this man are exaggerated and sound more like legend than history, might ask himself this question: What sort of man must Daniel have been, what kind of reputation did he leave behind him, to have such stories attach themselves to his name and memory? No meek little-yes-man was he. On the contrary his very name is a symbol of courage against odds.

Dr. Foreman

Two Kinds of Courage

There are two kinds of courage: physical and moral. Physical courage means keeping on doing what you know you ought to do, even when you are being terribly hurt, or about to be hurt. A scoutmaster in a boat with some small boys got into some heavy waves, the boat overturned, and everybody climbed on top of the upside-down craft. Then it became evident that there were too many for the boat in that position. So the scoutmaster, after pulling the last boy out of the water, swam alongside for a while, and when he could swim no longer, quietly sank . . . dying to save a boy's life. That took courage. Then there is also moral courage, which means doing or saying what you believe to be right, in spite of ridicule or powerful contrary opinions.

Against Orders

Courage always is against something,—danger, public opinion, pain. Daniel's courage sometimes was of the rare and risky sort, courage to defy orders from his official superiors. Daniel's salary was paid by the royal court, and like many salaried men, when ordered to do something against his conscience and religion, might have shrugged it off: "Well, I hate to do it, it goes against the grain. But this is my job and who am I to talk back to my employer? I've gotta play ball if I stay on the payroll." Daniel was made of stouter stuff. When he knew that God said one thing and his boss said another, even if the boss was a king with powers of life and death, Daniel saw no choice but to obey God rather than men.

Against Custom

Daniel "bucked" not only an old-fashioned, oriental dictator, all dressed up in crown and gown, but something that is just as tyrannical: public opinion and long-standing customs. If he had had, the public on his side, he might not have been reported (for example) in the incident of the prayers at the open window. Back home in Palestine many would have known that he was right; here in Persia almost no one agreed with him. To go against "what everybody does"—usually meaning by "everybody" the more important people of a community—takes nerve. It can be wrong, too, for very often public opinion is just about right. One ought to think very carefully before flying the opposite course to every one else. But when Daniel knew he was right, he knew that fifty thousand Medes and Persians could be wrong; and he acted accordingly.

Against Personal Interests

Many people take the easiest way. All they ask is, "What does this get me? Where does it get me? Will this bring me more prestige, will it end in my promotion, will it help me up the ladder?" If the answer is Yes, then they go ahead. They don't dare do anything contrary to their own interests. But Daniel dared. More than once he had the courage to do something or to say something when it looked as if by doing or saying it he would put an end to his career. But the king always kept him on, though for a while he might turn against him. Men admire courage of all sorts, especially Daniel's kind. The king and everybody else knew that here was a man who could be counted on to say and to do what he was convinced was right, even if it hurt him.—even if it killed him. Here was a man who could not be threatened, could not be bought. Such men were not plentiful then, they are not thick as blackberries now. But they are God's men always.

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QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

(Editor's note: Here are the questions asked most frequently by Virginia farmers during the past week, as reported by county agricultural agents. Answers are supplied by staff members of the VPI Agricultural Extension Service and/or Experiment Station).

Q. How can we make the most of the little feed we do have? What can we seed or plant now to help us through the winter.

A. Follow good management practices generally. Cull and sell unprofitable animals. Seed winter pasture mixtures. Your county agent has recently furnished detailed suggestions on drouth measures. Consult him.

Q. When should I try to buy the hay and corn I will need this winter?

A. Prices are not likely to drop, so the best thing to do is buy it when and where you can find it. You may be able to buy corn in the field if you have storage facilities.

Q. What is the outlook for beef cattle prices this fall?

A. Strong. Unless quick selling results from late drouth conditions, prices are expected to average around 5% above last year.

Q. Will smut in corn silage or grain hurt dairy cows?

A. Smut is an indication of spoilage, and you might run into trouble if you feed smutty silage or grain.

Q. How far can I go in substituting grain for hay or silage in feeding beef or dairy animals?

A. Grain can be used to replace up to 1/2 the hay or silage for beef animals. One pound of grain equals 3 to 5 pounds of hay. For dairy cattle, it is not wise to feed less than 7 to 8 pounds of hay or its equivalent per mature dairy cow per day. It pays to substitute concentrates for hay or silage only when the price of 100 pounds of concentrate is less than the price of 175 pounds of hay.

Q. What is the latest date I can cut my alfalfa for hay?

A. If the field is to remain in alfalfa, don't cut it later than three to four weeks before the average date of the first killing frost in your area. If you cut later, count on a drop in yield next year about equal to the amount you get at the last cutting. If the alfalfa is to be plowed under anyway, cut it anytime before frost.

Q. What is the best seed mixture to use for lawns?

A. There are endless variations in lawn-grass mixtures. Every section and almost every lawn has its own peculiar problem. Dealers offer mixtures for sun, for shade, for other special purposes. Kentucky bluegrass and fescue are used in most good mixtures. Some contain bentgrass. Some contain a high percentage of ryegrass or seeds of low germination. White clover is used in mixtures, and is popular. Bulletin 243 "Lawns for Virginia" tells on almost all lawn problems. Ask your county agent, or write VPI Agriculture Extension Service, Blacksburg, for a free copy.

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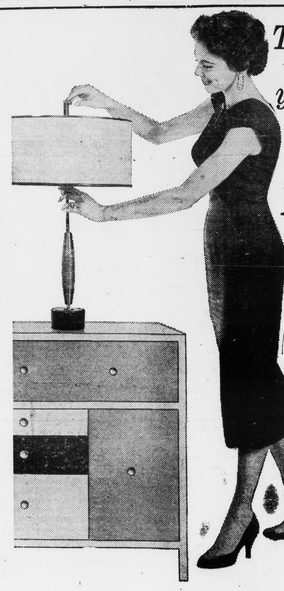

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...fuses, flickering lights, ...dim TV pictures, when added electrical appliances are ...on, are all signs that circuits are overloaded.

...safety's sake, call in an electrical ...contractor when these troubles ...Don't use fuse rated higher ...20 amperes unless circuits ...built to handle heavier loads. ...a coin or other metal ...behind a blown fuse. Fuses ...circuit breakers control the ...electric current. Excess current ...causes heat greater than insulation on your wires can resist. The overheated wires can easily cause a fire.

If your house needs additional wiring, it will pay to take care of the need. All appliances will work more efficiently and satisfactorily, and they may use less electric current to do the same work.

The next time you are using a recipe that calls for pureed, sieved, or strained fruit, try using a jar of strained fruits canned for babies. The ease and convenience of the canned food will save you time and energy.

Looking for a different way to serve waffles? Try dicing some baked ham and sprinkling it over your waffle iron before you pour in the regular batter. These waffels are delicious for luncheon, breakfast, or a quick, easy supper. For a tasty syrup to serve with the waffles or pancakes, make a syrup with orange juice and an equal measure of graulated sugar.

GOLDEN GLEAMS

Error of opinion may be tolerated where reason is left free to combat. —Jefferson.

But no pleasure is comparable to the standing upon the vantage-ground of Truth. —Bacon.

I speak truth, not so much as I would, but as much as I dare; and I dare a little thus more as I grow older. —Montagne.

Among the smaller duties of life I hardly know any more important than that of not praising where praise is not due.— —Sydney Smith.

Leading Federal economists have predicted that the next surge in the national economy would come from a tax cut.

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Eye Superstitions Have Lingered on Through Centuries

CHICAGO — Throughout history many have been prone to believe strange things about the eyes and some of these superstitions linger on today, in spite of all that radio, television, and the press are doing to spread scientific knowledge.

Stories of the evil eye are scattered through the folk-lore of most primitive peoples. Polish folk-lore tells us about a Slav who was sure he had it and blinded himself to protect his children. Sometimes whole nations have been so convinced of the power of the evil eye that laws have been passed to prevent the injury of crops by deadly looks.

The Neapolitans have always feared the evil eye, and even today they believe in it more strongly than any other group of people. But they think only men can be endowed with it. In modern Egypt, if a child is sickly-looking, the mother blames it on evil eye influence. In India the superstition is universal, and in Turkey and Arabia horses and camels are believed to be subject to the evil eye.

During the twelfth century the possessor of this dire power was visualized as a wizened old woman with a squint or one who had double pupils. Grimm's Fairy Tales says you can recognize a witch because if you look her in the eye you can see your image upside down, due to the evil characteristics of her eyes.

Research Needed In New Cosmetics

CHICAGO — As cosmetics leave the "realm of luxury" and become items of necessity, more and better research into the fundamental properties of the skin also becomes a necessity, according to a Federal Food and Drug Administration official.

Unfortunately, carefully controlled research into the fundamental principles of skin properties and mechanisms and the actions of various chemicals and drugs on skin has "not kept pace" with the many new products and the claims made on their behalf, he said.

Certain unobjectionable claims have been advanced for the effectiveness of certain preparations for reducing skin dryness and hiding skin blemishes and wrinkles.

However, in recent years, the trend has been to advertise such products as being more than just cosmetics — that they serve as "skin foods, rejuvenators or tonics," "Contour-creams" for bust development or bust reducing, wrinkle eradicators, and "deep pore" cleaners.

"To date, however, no conclusive evidence has been offered in support of many of these claims," he said.

New Drug May Help In Radiation Cases

LOS ANGELES—Fatalities from radiation exposure may be significantly reduced by pre-administration of a new experimental drug from England, research at the University of California, Los Angeles, has shown.

The research, which has been carried out by Dr. Thomas Haley, Anna Flesher, R. Veomett, and J. Vincent of the Atomic Energy Project, has been concerned with a drug which carries the complex chemical name of Quinoxaline 1,4-Di-N-Oxide.

Untreated irradiated mice suffered 100 per cent mortality at the end of 16 days. Mice which had received injections of the new drug just prior to irradiation had only a 65 per cent mortality rate after 30 days. Postirradiation treatment with the drug reduced the mortality rate only slightly.

Part of the beneficial effects of the drug was related to reduction of intestinal bacteria, which multiply rapidly following radiation injury, causing acute bacteremia. Bacteremia is a major cause of death following radiation injury.

One-Year-Old Proves Real 'Bouncin' Baby

PHILADELPHIA — One-year-old Anne Michele Acosta likes to climb on chairs. One night her parents, Benjamin and Patricia Acosta went to bed and forgot to remove a chair away from a window of their third floor apartment. Next morning, Anne Michele was found on the pavement under the window.

She had a few bumps and cuts, but otherwise was unhurt. Best anyone was able to figure out, Anne Michele had climbed upon the chair and tumbled through the window to the street below.

Customer Service

MINNEAPOLIS — Women shoppers in a Minneapolis supermarket can listen to their favorite radio soap operas at the same time they are showing their gratitude by buying the sponsor's product. The store has installed radios on the shopping carts.

Route Three

Route Three, Sept. 16.- Mrs. J. T. Morris is visiting her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Evans Ferguson.

Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Evans Ferguson were Mrs. J. T. Moris and Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Ferguson, of Lynchburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Hamilton and Mrs. Nathalie Robertson spent a few days last week at their country home.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Carnefix and Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Covington visited Mr. and Mrs. Robert Coleman Saturday night.

Mrs. Sue Perdue is home with her son, George Perdue, after visiting with her daughter, Mrs. Rachel Cawthorne, of Appomattox.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Hamilton and Mrs. Nathalie Robertson visited Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Coleman on Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Furr and Miss Mary Katherine Furr spent Saturday night with Mrs. Bessie Ferguson.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Carter and Dianne Smith spent Sunday in the same home.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Burford, of Roanoke spent a few days last week with Mr. and Mrs. Gus Torrence.

Mrs. Ella Hancock, Braxton Hancock and Mrs. Deacon have returned to Oceana, Va., after spending the summer at "Bessarabia," with Mrs. Bessie Ferguson.

Mrs. J. D. Martin, Mrs. Pete Martin and Violet Martin visited Mrs. E. C. Carter Tuesday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Caldwell, of Richmond spent Friday night with Mr. and Mrs. Abbott Coleman.

Mrs. Shearer Robertson is in the Virginia Baptist Hospital. We wish for her a speedy recovery.

Mrs. L. A. Coleman spent Monday with Mr. and Mrs. Abbott Coleman.

Mrs. J. D. Harris has returned home after visiting her daughters-in-law and sons, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Harris and Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Harris, of Baltimore. Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Harris returned home with his mother for a visit.

Miss Judy Lee Harris spent last week with Mrs. Edward O'Brien.

Miss Nannie Bell Goin spent Monday and Tuesday nights in this same home.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Ellet on the arrival of a daughter, Ann Barton, born Sept. 9. Mrs. Ellet is the former Miss Annie Torrence.

We are all sorry to hear of Mr. J. B. Goad having a fire to destroy a barn of his tobacco.

We are happy to report that Wanda Ferguson is back home from the hospital, and is getting along nicely.

Rev. and Mrs. Charles Addington have returned home after going to Warwick, Va. Thursday to visit his mother, who has been sick. We hope that she will soon be well and up again.

Mrs. Estelle Franklin went visiting in Lynchburg Saturday.

The Couples Class of New Hope Church served a turkey supper Saturday night at the church for its members and for the new members of the church. There was a good number present, and everyone seemed to have enjoyed it.

After supper, Rev. Addington taught the book, "Your Life and Your Church" to all the new members and class members who desired to stay.

Dr. and Mrs. C. A. Collins were guests of Rev. and Mrs. Charles Addington on Tuesday for supper.

V. P. I. to play Tulane tomorrow night in New Orleans in Tech's opening football game.

Home care is advised for Asiatic flu victims.

HANDLE APPLES CAREFULLY TO PREVENT BRUISING

Bruising of apples is one of the biggest causes of complaints from buyers, report horticulturists at V. P. I.

Repeat sales depend on unbruised, quality fruit, particularly when competition from other states is keen.

Any time an apple drops over six inches, it will be bruised, the horticulturists warn.

Here are some things you can do to prevent bruising.

Start picking with the picking sack at its shallowest depth. Deepen the sack as it fills up.

Handle ladders with care around the trees.

Be careful when emptying apples from picking sack to field box.

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